Rs. 100 crores, if so, what action is being taken to recover this amount;

(b) whether public financial institutions have been advised not to give any loans to the companies owned by him; and

(c) whether any fresh loan has been recently sanctioned to any of the companies owned by him; if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) Show Cause Notices demanding duty of Rs. 109.08 crores have been issued to M/s. GTC Industries Limited, a company associated with Shri Sanjay Dalmia. The cases are under departmental adjudication. Recoverable amount has first to be decided by the adjudicating officer after which steps for recovery would be considered.

(b) Government's policy is not to give any preferential treatment to companies who owe substantial tax arrears.

(c) No fresh loans have been sanctioned to M/s. GTC.

Industrial Tribunal No. III, Delhi

2680. SHRI K. GOPALAN :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 5 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th November, 1986 and state :

(a) when did the Delhi Administration issue the notification for the setting up of the Industrial Tribunal No. III, Delhi, how many presiding officers have since been appointed and also since transferred and how many disputes have been disposed of by the said Tribunal so far;

(b) of the three and five year old disputes, how many relate to public undertakings;

(c) how many cases and applications each Labour Court and Industrial Tribunal disposed of during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) how many meetings of the Presiding Officers and Judges took place in the recent past to review the situation;

(e) how many old cases and applications were transferred from one Court to another; and

(f) whether Government propose to double the number of Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals in the light of the recommendations of the State Labour Ministers' Conference in September 1983; if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import duty on PTA

@2681. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 100 MPs had made a representation to Government regarding the haste in hiking the import duty on PTA twice;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken on the representation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) and (b) Three letters on the subject bearing signatures of 71 MPs were received. The main points made include encouragement of import and use of PTA; reduction in customs duty on DMT/PTA to pre-September, 1985 level, etc.;

(c) The representations have been examined in consultation with the concerned administrative Ministry and no change in the rates of import duty on DMT/PTA is considered necessary at present.

Restrictions on retired employee of DGS&D

@@2682. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that the DGS&D officers who have retired more than two

@Previously Unstarred Question 1800 transferred from the 24th November, 1986.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 2263 transferred from the 27th November, 1986.

years' back are prohibited to represent any firms and participate in official dealings with DGS&D; and

(b) Whether similar restrictions are also imposed by all Ministries/Departments on their retired officers and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) : (a) DGS&D officers who retired more than two years back are not prohibited from taking up employment with private firms. And for representing these firms also, there is no bar except when such officers have to visit DGS&D officers and personally interact with DGS&D officers to protect or promote the interest of their firms. This is an administrative decision taken in the interest of tightening security and reducing the corrupting influence of undesirable contactmen and liaison officers.

(b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

2683. *[Transferred to the 4th December, 1986].*

Income from Central Cess on crude oil

2684. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what is the total income of the Union Government on account of Central Cess on crude oil produced in Assam oil fields by OIL and ONGC during 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : The total cess collected on crude oil produced in Assam oil fields during the years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 is Rs. 61.23, 148.85 and 148.17 crores respectively.

Non-payment of dues of Hyderabad House

2685. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have not paid dues towards Hyderabad House, New Delhi for quite some time; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Government have not paid rental dues for Hyderabad House, New Delhi since 1976-77, since which time the possibility of outright purchase of the property from its present owner, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, has been under consideration.

Allegations against former Chairman of Burn Standard Company

2686. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Noose tightened around ex-Public Unit Chief" which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi of the 16th August, 1986 wherein serious allegations of misappropriation of public funds have been made against Shri P. C. Sen who has since joined as the Chairman and Managing Director of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company; and

(b) if so, whether Government have approved the appointment of Shri Sen as the Chairman of the Peerless Company ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) and (b) Government have seen the news-item captioned "Noose tightened around ex-public unit chief" which appeared in the New Delhi edition of the Hindustan Times, dated 16-8-1986.

Government have neither accorded approval to the appointment of Shri P. C. Sen as Chairman of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited, Calcutta under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 nor any such proposal is pending at present.

Training camp for T.N.V. extremist in Bangladesh

2687. SHRI NARAYAN KAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the T.N.V. extremists have their training camp at Chitagong Hills of Bangladesh;